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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PROPOSED AIR SECURITY

ENFORCEMENT CONVENTION

REF: BERN 1715

1. IN ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH GULDIMANN, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY OBTAINING FROM HIM SWISS GOV' T POSITION AND ANY THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS HE MAY HAVE RE OUTCOME OF FORTHCOMING ICAO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE/ EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED MEET ROME AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 1973. IN PARTICULAR WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS GULDIMANN MIGHT HAVE VIS- A- VIS LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS NORDIC PROPOSAL. (NORDIC PROPOSAL WOULD ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT CONVENTION ON AIR SECURITY AS OPPOSED TO AMENDMENTS TO CHICAGO CONVENTION.)

2. BEGIN FYI. DEPT IS NOT CERTAIN OF SWISS POSITION ON THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS TO BE SENT TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE/ ASSEMBLY, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT THERE IS
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QTE SWISS- UK UNQTE PROPOSAL. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IT WAS GENERAL VIEW OF U. S. DEL AT LEGAL COMMITTEE THAT CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH WHAT WAS BASICALLY A UK PROPOSAL SWISS DEL MAY NOT HAVE HAD GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL. THE QTE SWISS- UK UNQTE PROPOSAL GOING TO EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY IS FOR AMENDMENT TO CHICAGO CONVENTION WHICH WOULD INCORPORATE INTO CHICAGO HAGUE

AND MONTREAL CONVENTION OBLIGATIONS. DEPT STRONGLY FAVORS NORDIC PROPOSAL FOR INDEPENDENT CONVENTION AS MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR MEETING AIR SECURITY PROBLEM. QTE SWISS- UK UNQTE PROPOSAL, BEING ONE TO AMEND CHICAGO CONVENTION, WOULD REQUIRE 84 RATIFICATIONS WHICH WE VIEW AS TAKING YEARS TO OBTAIN IF IT COULD EVER BE ACHIEVED AT ALL. END FYI.

3. BEGIN FYI. DEPT WILL BE HOLDING WORKING LEVEL CONSULTATIONS WITH CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, COMMENCING WITH NORDIC COUNTRIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH GULDIMANN, HOWEVER, ANY SUCH CONSULTATIONS WILL DEPEND ON OUTCOME OF MEETINGS WITH NORDICS SCHEDULED LATE APRIL. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT H. R. GAITHER OF LEGAL ADVISER OFFICE WHO ON US DEL U. S.- SWISS JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY, ALSO WILL BE ON US DEL TO ROME AND IS PARTICIPATING IN CONSULTATIONS PRIOR THERETO, WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH GULDIMANN AT TIME OF JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TALKS. END FYI. ROGERS

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